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| Sagebrush Focal Area (SFA) Designations/Withdrawal Recommendation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 181,100 acres of SFA (Box Elder and Rich County) - Recommended for withdrawal and prioritized for treatments/livestock permits | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 0 acres of SFA - Return to underlying management (usually Priority Habitat Management Areas—{ PHMA }) – no withdrawal recommended |
| Administering the Disturbance and Density Caps | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No additional disturbance if an area has >3% disturbance or an average of >1 facility/640 acres | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If project design and site conditions indicate a project will improve habitat, exceedances of disturbance and density caps are allowed |
| Modifying Habitat Objectives | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Values based on standard vegetation data, differentiated by populations. - Adjustments can be made at the local level based on local science | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Values based on micro-site vegetation data combined with broad vegetation, climatic, and elevation data. - Adjustments can be made at the local level based on local science |
| General Habitat Management Areas (GHMA) in Utah | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 448,600 acres of GHMA - Includes lek buffers, required design features, net conservation gain, habitat objectives, leasing prioritization - Management in place prior to the 2015 Plan Amendment would remain | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 0 acres of GHMA, and removing associated management - Management in place prior to the 2015 Plan Amendment would remain - Avoid indirect impacts on PHMA - Replace occupied habitat developed outside PHMA by improving habitat in PHMA |
| Waivers, Exceptions, and Modifications (WEMs) for No Surface Occupancy (NSO) Stipulations | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In SFA, no WEMs - In PHMA, only one lease exception and no waivers or modifications - To grant the exception, the state, BLM, and Fish and Wildlife Service must all agree it will benefit Greater Sage-Grouse | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No SFA - Exception and modification in PHMA if the development is in non-habitat and doesn't indirectly impact habitat - Would still need to apply minimization measures (3%, noise, etc.) - Waiver if the area is no longer PHMA |
| Considering Exceptions to Greater Sage-Grouse Restrictions in PHMA | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Non-habitat portions of GHMA can be developed without restriction, but not non-habitat portions of PHMA | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Non-habitat portions of PHMA can be developed if it does not indirectly impact habitat |
| Application of Lek Buffers | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Unclear whether buffers are to “assess and address impacts” or “not allow activities” within the buffer distances - Adjust buffers with local scientific data | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clarifies that buffers are to “assess and address impacts” to maintain lek persistence - Adjust buffers with local scientific data |
| Adaptive Management | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Determine the cause of a decline after management changes have been made - If area recovers, another plan amendment would be needed to change management | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Determine cause of decline first, then apply specifically designed response - If area recovers, return to original management - If birds are no longer present, do not manage as PHMA anymore |

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| Prioritization of Mineral Leasing | - In addition to NSO stipulations, prioritize oil and gas leasing outside of PHMA and GHMA | - Remove prioritization objective and rely on NSO stipulation and other measures to protect habitat |
| Land Disposal and Exchanges | - No disposals of PHMA or GHMA unless no impacts on Greater Sage-Grouse or habitat | - Can consider disposal of PHMA if the disposal will not compromise the distribution or abundance of the population |
| Predation | - Collaborate with applicable government entities to control predator populations | - Same as No-Action, plus support and encourage efforts to minimize impacts from predators - Remove trees with unoccupied corvid nests during habitat treatments |
| Burial of Transmission Lines | - Require burial of transmission lines unless “not technically feasible.” | - Minimize and mitigate impacts from transmission lines, considering options that may include burial |
| Modifying Habitat Management Area Boundaries | - Projects must provide a net conservation gain for Greater Sage-Grouse | - Projects must improve the condition of Greater Sage-Grouse habitat |
| Clarifying Grazing Systems and Prioritization of Grazing Permits | - Repeats regulations, policies, and management actions from other sections | - Focuses specifically on identifying and minimizing improper livestock grazing - Removes actions that repeat regulations, policies, or management from other sections |
| Clarifying Management of Water Developments for Livestock | - Includes a sentence that could be interpreted as potentially impinging on the State’s authority to manage water rights | - Removes the sentence - remaining language still manages water developments for neutral or beneficial impacts on Greater Sage-Grouse |
| Clarifying the Role of the BLM, State of Utah, and Counties with Respect to Travel Management Planning | - Does not specifically direct engagement of state, local and tribal governments during implementation-level travel planning | - Adds language to clarify that offices should engage State, local and tribal governments |
| Clarifying Management of Surface Coal Mining | - Coal unsuitability will be determined when a lease is requested, but then declares that all PHMA is “essential habitat” for the purposes of the suitability criteria | - Clarifies that the unsuitability process will be conducted when a lease is requested based on site-specific information, including identification of “essential habitat |
| Decisions that Require Analysis of Specific Alternatives during Implementation | - Includes several actions that direct consideration of specific alternatives during environmental reviews | - Removes direction to consider specific alternatives, instead allowing the NEPA process to identify alternatives based on site-specific issues |

